

AB 797

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

By Assemblymember Wolk

Bill Summary

AB 797 proposes various changes to the Delta Protection Act of 1992.

Background and Analysis

Bill provisions include:

Agricultural conservation easements in the Primary or Secondary Zones of the Legal Delta may be related to contract rescissions on agricultural lands in any portion of the Secondary Zone, regardless of County boundaries. This would serve to facilitate agricultural conservation easements being placed in the Primary Zone as mitigation for development of agricultural lands anywhere in the Secondary Zone.

Additions to the existing membership of the Delta Protection Commission (Commission), to include:

- The public member of the California Bay-Delta Authority representing the Delta; and
- Three members from the general public, appointed by the Governor, who are residents of, or landowners in, the Delta representing the interests of production agriculture, wildlife conservation, and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Allows the Commission, by majority vote, to review on appeal any approved local project the Commission feels is inconsistent with its Management Plan.

Status as of May 10, 2006

Senate Floor; Third Reading

Staff Comment:

Staff has discussed with Secretary for Resources and Assemblywoman Wolk's legislative staff the benefits of the addition of a member representing a transportation perspective.